Production of Ampicillin Trihydrate

3093. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 678 given in the Rajya Sabha on 5th September, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 6 APA is also used for the production of Ampicillin Trihydrate and inputs used for its production are also allowed for import with duty concession;

(b) what are the direct and indirect items used by the producers of Ampicillin which are given duty concessions and what is the extent of concession percentage wise and magnitude wise on each input and the final drugs; and

(c) what is the import price of drug and what is the import content based on the price as fixed by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The names of the imported items used for the production of Ampicillin Trihydrate on which duty concessions have been allowed were given in reply to parts (a) and (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 678 answered on 5th September, 1991. The customs duty on these items have been reduced to 95 per cent.

(c) Import prices of individual drugs are not being monitored by this Ministry.

Exemption of Life saving drugs from customs and excise duty

3094. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of essential and life-saving drugs for which Government have received requests during 1991 for exemption of custom duty and excise duty;

(b) when each request was received;

(c) whether it is a fact that medicine for Kalazar is not available and people are dying because of the non-availability of medicine;

(d) if so, what is the number of persons died during 1991;

(e) what is the custom dtuy on pentamidine executed for Kalazar and what steps have been taken to exempt duty;

(f) what is the excise duty on indigenous medicine based on Cyclosporin required for organ transplantation;

(g) what steps have been taken by Government to exempt excise duty on this medicine;

(h) whether it is also a fact that imported raw material required for manufacture of Drug for Aids attracts Custom duty whereas imported finished medicines based on this drug is exempted from duty; and

(i) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) The nationalisation of customs duty and excise duty is an on-going process. The proposal of customs duty and excise duty rationalisation are examined in the department as and when received and appropriate recommendations are sent to the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance on merits on case to case basis.

(c) and (d) It has been reported by Ministry of Health that there is shortage of medicine for combating Kala-Azar and concerned companies have been asked to explore the possibilities to start the indigenous production of this medicine. Details of deaths due to non-availability of medicines of Kala-Azar etc. is not monitored by this Ministry.

(e) The bulk drug used for manufacturing Pentamidine Injection and Pentamidine Injection in the finished form, are exempted from custom duty.

(f) and (g) To the extent information is available, there is no indigenous production of medicines based on Cyclosporin required for organ transplantation.

(h) and (i) To the extent information is available, the imported raw material required for manufacture of drug for AIDS and imported finished medicine on this drug attracts custom duty. The proposal for custom duty exemption on intermediates for manufacturing of drug for AIDS was received and the same was recommended to Ministry of Finance for their appropriate action.

Cost study by BICP

3095. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 645 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th September, 1991 and state:

(a) how much time was taken by BICP to conduct cost study after Government sent directions;

(b) when was the price of vovern tablets which is based on Diclofenac Sodium fixed during the year 1990-91 and what was its earlier and revised price;

(c) who are the producers of Dicofenac Sodium and what was the production of each during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) when did BICP conduct cost-cum-technical study of this drug and when did Government receive recommendations;

(e) what was the price recommended and what prices was notified;

(f) what is the present price per kg;

(g) what are the names of drugs for which Government have still to receive recommendations of cost-cum-technical study; and

(h) when did Government ask and what is the reasons for delay in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The time taken by BICP to conduct cost study after Government send directions depends on the number of units involved, response to the questionnaires issued by BICP and so many other connected factors.

(b) The price of Voveran Tablets based on Diclofenac Sodium was Rs. 12.07 for 10's strip as per MIMS in April, 1990 and the price of the same was revised in November, 1990 to Rs. 4.90.

(c) To the extent information is available, M/s. Hindustan Ciba Geigy and M/s. Unique Chemicals are the producers of this drug. The details of production have to be collected from the producers and will be placed on the Table of the House.

(d) to (f) The BICP conducted the cost-cum-technical study of Diclofenac Sodium in 1991 and forwarded its recommendations in September, 1991 which are under examination in this Ministry and a view on this would be taken shortly. At present there is no notified price for this bulk drug. The DPRC Sub Committee has been adopting a price of Rs. 5027.55 per kg. as an interim price of bulk drug for regulating the prices of formulations based on this drug.

(g) and (h) The conducting of cost-cum-technical study by the BICP and sending their recommendations to this Ministry is an on-going process.

Total number of Multinational drug Companies

3096. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the Total number of Multinational drug Companies operating in India and what is the foreign equity in each case:

(b) what is the profit of each and the capital employed in each of these drug Companies:

(c) what are the names of drugs for which permission to manufacture has been granted to each of them during the last